

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Right of Entry Permit for Geothermal Exploratory Well

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells State Vehicle Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Issue a Right of Entry permit to Layman Energy Associates, Inc. (LES) to enter upon State lands solely for the purpose of drilling one "slim hole" to a target depth of 6,000 feet, as described in Conditional Use Permit 04-0016, Imperial County, and conducting well flow rates tests and associated sampling. The project activities proposed by LES have been evaluated for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), with Imperial County as CEQA Lead Agency. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project to reduce potential environmental effects to a less than significant level. LES shall remain responsible for CEQA compliance in its work performed on the property, and for adhering to all conditions and constraints (included but not limited to archaeological, geological, and biological impact avoidance and on-site monitoring) of the proposed Right of Entry Permit. The proposed permit is for the period September 1, 2005 through March 31, 2007, or as may be reasonably extended by written mutual agreement.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 5 Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of a minor alteration in land use limitations and is included as "issuance of temporary use permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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